

Remarks

Claims 8-10. Claims 2 and 6 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3-5 and 7 are hereby canceled without prejudice to possible further prosecution in a continuation or continuation-in-part application. Claim 8 is hereby amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

Claims 8-10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 8 is hereby amended so as to be of independent form, including the limitations of claims 1 and 3. Claims 9 and 10 depend from claim 8.

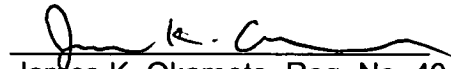
Hence, applicants respectfully submit that claims 8-10 are now in form for allowance.

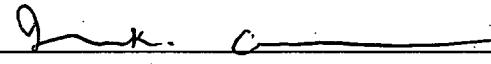
Conclusion

For the above-discussed reasons, applicants respectfully submit that claims 8-10 are now in form for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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